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LETTER REGARDING MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
CONCURRENCE WITH THE RECORD OF DECISION FOR OPERABLE UNIT 7 (OU 7) NSY
PORTSMOUTH ME
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Re: Record of Decision for Operable Unit 7
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine

Dear Mr. Owens:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) has reviewed the Record of Decision – Operable Unit 7 – Site 32 (Topeka Pier Site), Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine dated September 2013. The Record of Decision (ROD) summarizes the results from the Interim Offshore Monitoring, the Removal Action for Site 32 Shoreline Stabilization, the Remedial Investigation and the Feasibility Study, and documents Navy's rationale for selecting soil removal and offsite disposal, land use controls (LUCs) and annual inspections of LUCs as the remedy for OU7. MEDEP concurs with the selected decision for site soils of soil removal and offsite disposal, land use controls and annual inspections of LUCs.

The State's concurrence of the selected decision, as described above, should not be construed as the State's concurrence with any conclusion of law or finding of fact, which may be set forth in the ROD or supporting documents for the site listed above. The State reserves any and all rights to challenge any such finding of fact or conclusion of law in any other context.

This concurrence is based on the State's understanding that the Navy will continue to solicit MEDEP's review and concurrence with the Remedial Design, Remedial Action oversight, Remedial Action report and Land Use Controls Remedial Design for OU7.

MEDEP looks forward to working with the Department of the Navy and Environmental Protection Agency to resolve the environmental issues remaining at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Iver McLeod at iver.j.mcleod@maine.gov or 207-287-8010.

Best regards,

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